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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. DURING CALL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT JUNE 25, CHARGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ATTENTION OF ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY TRIVEDI TO STRONG US VIEW THAT SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE MOVED TO GENEVA. SAYING ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED MORE COMPLETELY WITH UNITED NATIONS DIVISION DIRECTOR, CHARGE CITED HIGH COST AS WELL AS US RESENTMENT OVER ANY IMPLICATION THAT MEETING COULD NOT BE FAIRLY CONDUCTED IN NEW YORK.

2. THE ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ALLEGATION REGARDING FAIRNESS OF MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE EXPLAINED THAT INDIA FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO RESIST PRESSURES FROM NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ON ISSUES SUCH AS THIS. INDIA FELT IT HAD TO GO ALONG WITH OTHERS. EVEN THOUGH US WAS IN QUITE A DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL POSITION, IT HAD COMPROMISED ON LOCATION OF PREVIOUS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

3. THE CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT INDIA HAD IN FACT EXERCISED
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LEADERSHIP IN MAKING PROPOSAL FOR GENEVA MEETINGS. IN THIS CASE USG WISHED TO MAKE ITS POSITION COMPLETELY CLEAR. WE HOPED THAT WE COULD WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO KEEP THE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

4. ON JUNE 26, POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT IN FURTHER DETAIL, DRAWING ON REFTEL AND USUN 2372, WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UN DIRECTOR HAKSAR. HAKSAR SAID THAT ONLY MESSAGE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD THUS FAR RECEIVED ON THIS SUBJECT FROM AMBASSADOR SAN NOTED: (1) KENYAN DELEGATION HAD PROPOSED MOVE TO GENEVA AS MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE, (2) US AND UK HAD OPPOSED, AND (3) NO OTHER DELEGATES HAD EXPRESSED OPINION. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION, HAKSAR CONFIRMED THAT SEN HAD NOT REPORTED HIS OWN SUPPORT FOR KENYAN PROPOSAL. POL COUNSELOR EMPHASIZED THAT USG SAW NO JUSTIFIABLE GROUNDS FOR MOVING JULY SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO GENEVA AND WAS SERIOUSLY DISTURBED AT IMPLICATIONS THAT ONE ARGUMENT FOR MAKING THE MOVE MIGHT BE THE DIFFICULTY IN HOLDING AN OBJECTIVE DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. HE STRONGLY HOPED THAT, PARTICULARLY IF AMBASSADOR SEN WAS NOT REFLECTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DELHI WHEN HE INITIALLY SUPPORTED THE KENYAN PROPOSAL, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER INSTRUCTING THE INDIAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK NOT TO ENDORSE A MOVE TO GENEVA.
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